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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Clerks of Direct Member Cities
FROM: Donald J. Borut, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Congress of Cities Voting and Alternate Voting Delegates

The National League of Cities' **Annual Business Meeting** will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2003, at the Congress of Cities in Nashville, Tennessee. As a direct member city, your elected officials are entitled to vote at the Annual Business Meeting. Based on the population of the city, each member city casts between one to twenty votes. The number of votes each city is allowed can be found on the table on the reverse side of this memorandum.

To be eligible to cast a city's vote(s), each voting delegate and alternate must be officially designated by the city using the attached credentials form. This form will be forwarded to NLC's Credentials Committee. **NLC Bylaws expressly prohibit voting by proxy.** The voting delegate must pick up his/her voting credentials **BEFORE** the Annual Business Meeting and must be present at the Annual Business Meeting to cast the city's vote(s).

Your city elected officials should be made aware of this request so that decisions can be made on who will be the voting delegate and alternate at the Annual Business Meeting. Before the Congress of Cities, NLC will be sending out a special edition of the *Policy Informer* summarizing the proposed *National Municipal Policy* amendments and resolutions that are to be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting. This information should be shared with your voting delegates.

We ask that you return the completed form to NLC on or before **October 14, 2003**. Please follow the instructions on the card for filling out the form and make a copy for your own files. A pre-addressed envelope is attached for your convenience. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Keith Kirk at kirk@nlc.org or (202) 626-3176.

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2003 CONGRESS OF CITIES NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Number of Votes – Annual Business Meeting Direct Member Cities

Article IV, Section 2 of NLC's Bylaws specifies the number of votes that each direct member city of the National League of Cities is entitled to cast at the Annual Business Meeting at the Congress of Cities. All member cities are required by the Bylaws to cast unanimous votes.

CITY POPULATION (per 2000 Census)	NUMBER OF VOTES
Under 50,000	1 vote
50,000 – 99,999	2 votes
100,000 – 199,999	4 votes
200,000 – 299,999	6 votes
300,000 – 399,999	8 votes
400,000 – 499,999	10 votes
500,000 – 599,999	12 votes
600,000 – 699,999	14 votes
700,000 – 799,999	16 votes
800,000 – 899,999	18 votes
900,000 and above	20 votes